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1 1. A method of automatically notifying one or more 2 contacts regarding travel plans, the method comprising:

scheduling the travel plans using a computer system; recording the scheduled travel plans on a nonvolatile storage device connected to the computer system; and

sending a message to each of the contacts in response to the scheduling.

The method as described in claim 1 further comprising: grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes; wherein the sending further includes:

providing varying levels of detail corresponding to the travel plans to the contacts based upon the class corresponding to each contact.

- 3. The method as described in claim 1 further comprising: providing a contact method for each of the contacts, wherein the contact method includes at least one of sending an email message, sending a facsimile, sending a voice mail, sending a page, and sending a data stream using a predefined protocol.
- 1 4. The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
  2 reading a user profile, the user profile stored on a
  3 nonvolatile storage device;

wherein the reading determines the message to use for each contact.

1	5.	The method as described in claim 1 further comprising:
2		grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;
3		wherein the sending further includes:
4		providing varying levels of detail corresponding
5		to the travel plans to the contacts based
6		upon the class corresponding to each
7		contact.
1	6.	A method of automatically setting a home automation
2		system based upon a user's travel plans, the method
3		comprising:
4		scheduling the travel plans using a computer system;
5		recording the scheduled travel plans on a nonvolatile
6	\ \	storage device connected to the computer system;
7/	1	sending a message to the home automation system; and
8	$\mathcal{N}$	setting a home automation environment in the home
9		automation system.
1	7.	The method as described in claim 6 further comprising:
2	•	registering the home automation system with an email
3		system;
4	•	wherein the sending further comprises sending an
5		electronic message from the email system to the
6		home automation system.
1	8.	The method as described in claim 6 wherein the setting
2		further includes:
3		setting a travel home automation environment in
4		response to the message indicating that the user
5		/ is traveling.

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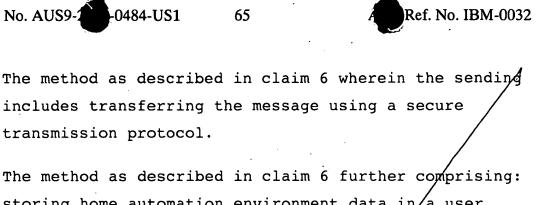
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10. The method as described in claim 6 further comprising: storing home automation environment data in/a user profile stored on a nonvolatile storage device; reading the home automation environment/data from the user profile; and creating the message based on the read home automation

environment data.

An information handling system comprising: 11. 2 3 4 5 one or more processors;

a memory accessible by the processors;

a nonvolatile storage device accessible by the processors; and

a contact notification tool, the contact notification tool including:

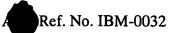
means for scheduling the travel plans using a computer /system;

means for recording the scheduled travel plans on a nonvolatile storage device connected to the computer system; and

means for sending a message to each of the cóntacts in response to the scheduling.

12. The information handling system as described in claim 11 wherein one of the contacts includes a home automation system and the system further comprises:

	4	means for setting a home automation environment in the
	5	home automation system in response to the
	6	message.
	1	13. The information handling system as described in claim
	2	12 further comprising:
	3	means for registering the home automation system with
	4	an email system;
	5	wherein the sending further comprises:
	6	means for sending an electronic message from an
	7	email system to the home automation system.
1.11 1.11	1	14. The information handling system as described in claim
The the special of th	2	12 further comprising:
	3	means for storing home automation environment data in
# FEET	4	a user profile stored on a nonvolatile storage
1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	5	device;
5 to 2	6	means for reading the home automation environment data
14	7	from the user profile; and
13	8	means for creating the message based on the read home
1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1	9	automation environment data.
	1	15. The information handling system as described in claim
	2	11 further comprising:
	3	means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of
	4	classes;
	5	wherein the mean's for sending further includes:
	6	means for providing varying levels of detail
	7	corresponding to the travel plans to the
	8	contacts based upon the class corresponding
	9	to each contact.



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1	16.	The information handling system as described in clark $\ $
2		11 further comprising:
-3		means for providing a contact method for each of the
4		contacts, wherein the contact method includes at
5		least one of sending an email message, sending a
6		voice mail, sending a facsimile, sending a page,
7		and sending a data stream using a predefined
8		protocol.
1	17.	The information handling system as described in claim
2		11 further comprising:
3		means for reading a user profile, the user profile
4	$\sim 1$	stored on a nonvolatile storage device; and
5	1	means for determining the message to use for each
6		contact based on the user profile.
1	18.	A computer program product for notifying contacts,
2		said computer program product comprising:
3		means for scheduling the travel plans using a computer
4		system;
5		means for recording the scheduled travel plans on a
6		nonvolatile storage device connected to the
7		computer/system; and
8		means for sending a message to each of the contacts in
9		response to the scheduling.
1 .	19.	The computer program product as described in claim 18
2		wherein one of the contacts includes a home automation
3		system and the system further comprises:
4		means for setting a home automation environment in the
5		home automation system in response to the
6		"message.

	1	20.	The computer program product as described in claim 19
	2		further comprising:
	3		means for registering the home automation system with
	4		an email system;
	5		wherein the sending further comprises:
	6		means for sending an electronic message from an
	7		email system to the home automation system.
	1	21.	The computer program product as described in claim 19
	2		further comprising:
	3		means for storing home automation environment data in
	4		a user profile stored on a nonvolatile storage
.uu	5		device;
77	6		means for reading the home automation environment data
death is community to comp	7	1 /K	from the user profile; and
H	8	$\bigcup$	means for creating the message based on the read home
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3 4 4	9	•	automation environment data.
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Gent "11"	1		
1119 1219 1319 13 13 13	1		The computer program product as described in claim 18
Gent "11"	1		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:
Gent "11"	1 2 3		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising: means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of
Gent "11"	1 2 3 4		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising: means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;
Gent "11"	1 2 3 4 5		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising: means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes; wherein the means for sending further includes:
eriter Newly march steely steely	1 2 3 4 5 6		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:  means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;  wherein the means for sending further includes:  means for providing varying levels of detail
eriter Newly march steely steely	1 2 3 4 5 6 7		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:  means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;  wherein the means for sending further includes:  means for providing varying levels of detail  corresponding to the travel plans to the
eriter Newly march steely steely	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:  means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;  wherein the means for sending further includes:  means for providing varying levels of detail corresponding to the travel plans to the contacts based upon the class corresponding
eriter Newly march steely steely	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:  means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;  wherein the means for sending further includes:  means for providing varying levels of detail  corresponding to the travel plans to the contacts based upon the class corresponding to each contact.
eriter Newly march steely steely	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9		The computer program product as described in claim 18 further comprising:  means for grouping the contacts into a plurality of classes;  wherein the means for sending further includes:  means for providing varying levels of detail corresponding to the travel plans to the contacts based upon the class corresponding to each contact.  The computer program product as described in claim 18

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least one of sending an email message, sending a voice mail, sending a facsimile, sending a page, and sending a data stream using a predefined protocol.

1 24. The computer program product as described in claim 18
2 further comprising:

means for reading a user profile, the user profile stored on a nonvolatile storage device; and means for determining the message to use for each contact based on the user profile.

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